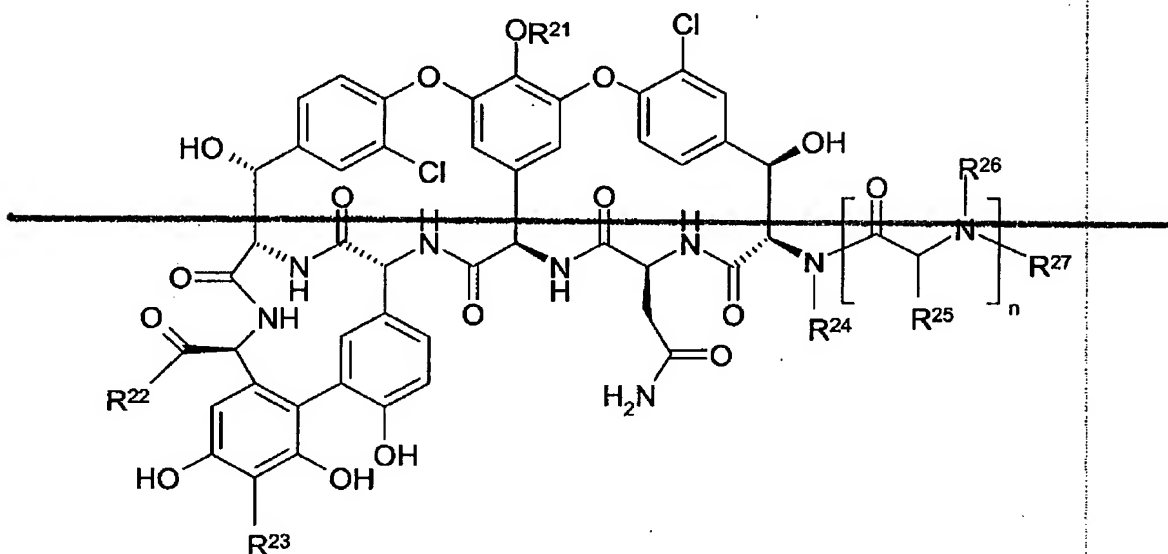


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II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-71. (Canceled)

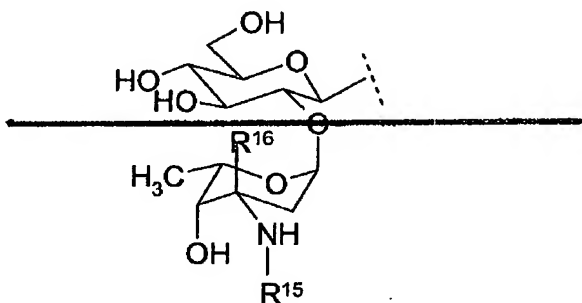
72. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula II:



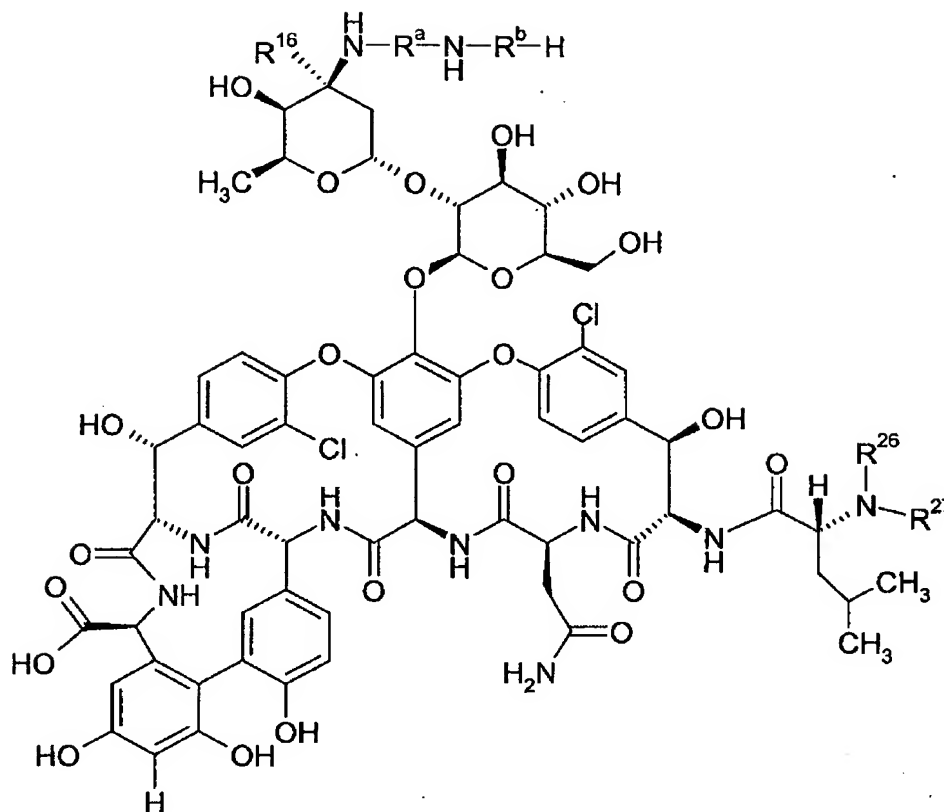
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wherein

~~_____ R²¹ is a group of the formula:~~



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wherein

R^{15} is $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$;

R^{16} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{22} is $-OH$;

R^{23} is hydrogen;

R^{24} is hydrogen;

R^{25} is isobutyl;

R^{26} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{27} is hydrogen or $-CH_2COOH$;

R^a is $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2-$ or $-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2-$;

R^b is alkylene having from 8 to 12 carbon atoms;

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~~Y is NH-~~

~~Z is hydrogen~~

~~n is 1;~~

~~x is 1;~~

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, stereoisomers and prodrugs thereof.

73. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^{16} is methyl

74. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^{26} is methyl

75. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^{27} is hydrogen.

76. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^a is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$.

77. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form $-\text{R}^b-\text{H}$ is an *n*-octyl, *n*-nonyl, *n*-decyl, *n*-undecyl or *n*-dodecyl group.

78. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form $-\text{R}^b-\text{H}$ is an *n*-decyl group.

79. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^{15} is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-\text{NH}-(\text{CH}_2)_{10}-\text{H}$.

80. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any of Claims 72-79 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

81. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria in a mammal infected with or exposed to bacteria, the method comprising administering to the mammal a composition according to Claim 80 for a time and under conditions effective to inhibit growth of bacteria.